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### **The San Diego Public Library Screens THE BETRAYAL** *Award-winning Cinematographer Weaves Ancient Prophecy Stunning Imagery*

**SAN DIEGO** – The San Diego Public Library, in partnership with Media Arts Center San Diego, San Diego Asian American Film Festival, and PBS' Point-of-View (POV) Series, will host a preview film screening of *The Betrayal* on Monday, July 13 at 6:30 pm in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This free event is open to the public.

Filmed over 23 years, *The Betrayal* is the Academy Award-nominated directorial debut of renowned cinematographer Ellen Kuras in a unique collaboration with the film's subject and co-director, Thavisouk ("Thavi") Phrasavath. After the U.S. government waged a secret war in Laos during the Vietnam War, Thavi's father and thousands of other Laotians who had fought alongside American forces were abandoned and left to face imprisonment or execution. Hoping to find safety, Thavi's family made a harrowing escape to America, where they discovered a different kind of war. Weaving ancient prophecy with personal testimony and stunning imagery, *The Betrayal* is a story of survival and the resilient bonds of family.

Since 1988, PBS' "POV" series has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today's most pressing social issues. *The Betrayal* is scheduled to debut on national public television on July 21.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org)

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